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Pair sentenced for Providence bank robbery

A federal judge has sentenced **James Snoke** and **Douglas Reardon**, both 39, to federal prison for committing a robbery in February at a Citizens Bank branch on Manton Avenue, Providence. Reardon was also sentenced for a robbery in February at a Bank RI branch on Plainfield Pike in Cranston. Snoke was sentenced to 70 months and Reardon to 78 months.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente announced the sentences, which U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith imposed on October 29 in U.S. District Court, Providence. Judge Smith also ordered both defendants to make full restitution.

In July, Snoke and Reardon pleaded guilty to federal bank robbery charges. Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew J. Reich said at the plea hearings that the government had proof that Reardon robbed a teller at the Citizens Bank branch at 850 Manton Avenue on February 29 while Snoke waited outside in a rented getaway car.

A store security guard videotaped the entire robbery sequence. The guard became suspicious of Reardon when he entered the Stop & Shop in which the bank is located. Manning a video control terminal, he taped Reardon's movements inside the store and in the car, driven by Snoke, which was parked outside the store.

Reardon walked around the store, left, and reentered after changing his outer clothes in the car. He approached a teller at the Citizens counter and handed her a note stating, "No dye packs. No one will be harmed." The videotape shows the teller handing a bundle of bills to

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Reardon and shows him leaving the store and getting into the passenger side of the car, which then drove away. The pair fled with \$3,587.

Providence Police arrested Reardon later that day and recovered some of the cash, along with a quantity of heroin. Reardon admitted to the Citizens robbery and to another he had committed on February 20 at a Bank RI branch at 2014 Plainfield Pike, Cranston.

Providence Police also arrested Snoke on February 29, recovering more of the robbery loot and seizing another quantity of heroin.

Providence Police, Cranston Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Reich prosecuted the case for the government.

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